SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE SAND ISLAND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO NEGOTIATE AN EVEN, FAIR, AND EQUITABLE EXCHANGE OF SAND ISLAND INDUSTRIAL PARK LAND THAT WOULD ALLOW SAND ISLAND BUSINESSES TO REMAIN ON THEIR LEASED PARCELS.

WHEREAS, the Sand Island Business Association is a non-profit organization whose members consist of the individual tenants of the Sand Island Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Department of Land and Natural Resources entered into a fifty-five year master lease with the Sand Island Business Association for the Sand Island Industrial Park at Sand Island, Oahu; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Island Industrial Park is approximately seventy acres in size and consists of one hundred ten individual lots, which lots are sublet by the Sand Island Business Association to individual tenants; and

WHEREAS, Act 235, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to consider the sale or exchange of Sand Island Industrial Park parcels to leaseholders; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 235, the Department of Land and Natural Resources filed a report to the Legislature, dated November 2011, stating that no sale or exchange has been agreed to for various reasons, none of which appear to be insurmountable; and

WHEREAS, the main objection by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the sale or exchange of land is the substantial loss of revenue or the unavailability to date of other suitable land that would immediately generate at least the same level of lease income as the Sand Island Industrial Park leases; and

WHEREAS, the central location of Sand Island is critical for small businesses; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Sand Island Business Association are urged to negotiate an even, fair, and equitable exchange of property that would allow Sand Island businesses to remain on their leased parcels; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the exchange be completed on or before June 30, 2014; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Sand Island Business Association.

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